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Enforcing the City's Existing Municipal Code for Short-Term Rentals

San Diego— The City of San Diego has a permissive zoning ordinance. Any use not listed in the San Diego Municipal Code is prohibited. As per the Office of the City Attorney's Short-Term Vacation Rentals Memorandum dated March 15, 2017, short-term residential occupancy units are not defined in the Municipal Code and are therefore prohibited.

We are enduring the loss of homes for San Diego families and workers as mini-hotels proliferate in our neighborhoods. Our zoning laws protect our neighborhoods and our property rights and should be enforced.

Yesterday, we learned more about the hidden costs of short-term vacation rentals from a City Auditor report. The report states that according to our Municipal Code and the City Attorney's Office, STRO rental properties do not qualify for free trash collection service. The investigation determined that up to 16,000 STRO units receive subsidized trash collection service from the City.

I call on the Mayor to enforce our City's existing Municipal Code today.

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.

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